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MTD Micro Molding makes major investments in micro innovations

Patrick Haney, R&D engineer, using the gas chromatography system at MTD Micro Molding.

CHARLTON — MTD Micro Molding (mtdmicromolding.com), a long-time leader and expert problem solver in micro injection molding for the medical device industry, has made significant investments in innovation this year.

For years, MTD has invested 10 percent of their annual revenue to innovation. That investment funds internal research and development projects to explore new micro molding capabilities, helping customers achieve new product breakthroughs faster and more cost-effectively. MTD has furthered that investment by hiring Patrick Haney, their first R&D engineer — and possibly the first position of

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Gus Steeves photos

Joe Lewandowski states his concerns as hearing officer Kathryn Sedor listens.

Citizens raise safety, traffic, climate concerns at LNG hearing

BY GUS STEEVES
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Scores of residents turned out to raise concerns about the proposal to build a natural gas liquefaction plant in town last week.

According to Boris Brevnov, managing partner of Liberty Energy Trust, which is planning the project, the Northeast Energy Center is being built to concentrate and store natural gas during periods of less use so it can be sold back into the distribution system during periods of higher need. The firm is looking at two locations — one using 10-12 acres on a parcel of about 200 acres off Route 20, and one right next to the Millennium Power Plant on Route 169 — but favors the former.

Several residents had objections to one or both of them, and most of the discussion was about NEC's preferred site off Route 20. Various aspects of safety topped the list, including ensuring training and equipment for area towns in case

mutual aid is needed there, traffic impacts, and site security.

Several people noted that Route 20 is already dangerous, and this location's proposed driveway is on a curve. As Sturbridge Selectmen Michael Suprenant said, speaking as a citizen, the project won't add "a lot of traffic, but there are real problems with acceleration, deceleration and sight distances" in that area. Citing the project report (which is available at the libraries and town clerk's offices in Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge, as well as online), he said it'll add 64 trips a day, and recommended adding at least flashing lights or strobes.

Among other things, Suprenant said Route 20 is a major evacuation route, siting it there is both an "environmental justice issue" and "a bit of a social justice thing" because of the proximity of residents. Additionally, he didn't think it made much sense economically

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BRINGING THE PROTEST LOCAL

Gus Steeves photo

Several striking National Grid workers brought their protest to Charlton Town Hall last week.

Shrine prepares for 12th annual Angel of Hope candlelight vigil

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—Every year on Dec. 6 at 7pm, parents who are grieving the loss of a child gather at the Angel of Hope statue on the grounds of Saint Anne Shrine to surround themselves with support, mourn their losses, and pray for peace and hope.

The statue, based on Richard Paul Evans' 1993 bestselling novella "The Christmas Box" in which a grieving mother visits an angel statue in the Salt Lake

City Cemetery to find inner peace, holds 2,300 bricks, with more than 500 now engraved with the names of deceased children. The rest are still blank, ready for unthinkable and unexpected events that we always hope will never occur.

"Around the holidays, people are just so busy and many of them don't feel what we feel," said Sylvia Gaumond, who became involved in Sturbridge Angel of Hope project after losing her son in 2004 when he fell while hiking Mt.

Washington.

"The Angel of Hope memorial is about bereaved parents getting together and sharing with each other. It's like a special club that no one would ever want to be a part of, but we are incredibly thankful that we have. It's a bond between people who are suffering from a very specific kind of pain."

Along with Linda Bilodeau of Sturbridge, who lost her daughter in a motorcycle accident in 2001, Gaumond played a

big role in researching the non-denominational Angel of Hope movement and fundraising over \$25,000 for a statue to be built and placed somewhere in the Worcester area to give grieving parents in central Massachusetts a way to remember their children in a positive way. After struggling with finding grounds on which to place it, Rev. Peter Precourt, who was the pastor at Saint Anne Shrine from 2005 until ear-

Courtesy photo

The Angel of Hope is part of the St. Anne's Shrine

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Charlton votes to change propane vendors

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Changes are in store for Charlton in terms of who they purchase their heating fuel from as the Water & Sewer Commission decided to change contracts for propane purchases at a recent meeting.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Peter Boria

discussed options with the commission in early November noting that the town had the opportunity to either stick with a fluctuating payment plan or to maybe pay a bit more but know that the price is steady year-round at a fixed price.

"Currently we're getting propane delivered from Osterman under the state bid list which

is the average price minus .2459¢ per gallon. The town (has the option of) a fixed price with Charlton Oil at \$1.50 per gallon," Boria said. The superintendent wanted to know if selectmen were interested in a switch of vendors, changing from Osterman to Charlton Oil. Boria argued that the fixed price would be closer to deals Charlton has had in the past,

although he didn't directly state his preference to commissioners during the discussion.

"Previously the town had a fixed price agreement with Osterman, \$1.29 per gallon. It was a good price. That contract expired. Osterman did not want to renew and enter into another fixed price contract so if we want to stay with Osterman, we can at the state

bid price," Boria told commissioners. "Seeing what our usage is and what our prices have been throughout the last year with Osterman they fluctuate in the summertime to anywhere from \$1.20 to right now we're probably around \$1.51 I believe as the daily price. It will probably average out to be \$1.50 by the time we ride the

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Mark Fitts of Charlton: Using MV without authority; fugitive from justice
Gilson Delima of Cranston, RI: Defective equipment; Operating MV with suspended license
Kimberly McCard of Southbridge: Breaking & Entering for a misdemeanor; Malicious destruction of property under \$1,200
Wilda Pierre-Paul of Dudley: Speeding; operating MV with suspended license

CHARLTON CAPSULES

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular "Gramma's Attic" will be offered and will be brimming with donations/bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and so much more. We will be introducing "chapel" sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to..."HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."

LIBRARY FAIR

The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 1 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library.

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR

The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of "Angels" from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find items for everyone. Grandma's Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies and much, much more!

Coffee and donuts will be served from 9-11 a.m. followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DROP OFF

Running for more than two decades, Charlton Helping Its People In Need (Chip In) Food Pantry is a non-profit, multipurpose human service organization that has been providing more than just food for local families in need. The Charlton Police Department, along with our Police Explorer program, will be graciously accepting Legos, family games, dolls (action figures for boys), toy trucks, bikes, sports equipment, video games, etc...for children from toddlers to teens who may not be as fortunate this holiday season.

Something as simple as a toy can stir a child's imagination and bring joy to youth in need. Please give generously to make the holidays brighter for our children.

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Sheriff Evangelidis announces national accreditation



Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis and Worcester County Sheriff's Office Superintendent David Tuttle along with WCSO employees Diane Cook, Kimberly Roy & Dominic Barbara receiving their certificate of accreditation from American Correctional Association (ACA) Officials recently in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office received 100% compliance for all mandatory standards.

WEST BOYLSTON — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis has announced the Worcester County Sheriff's Office has successfully completed all the requirements for re-accreditation from the nationally recognized American Correctional Association (ACA). Earning 100% compliance for all mandatory standards and 98.4% for non-mandatory standards. Built in 1973, the Worcester County Jail & House of Correction is the oldest county correctional facility in Massachusetts. Due to the inherent structural and square footage limitations of an older facility, physical plant waivers were awarded by the evaluation panel during the accreditation process.

The American Correctional Association founded in 1870, is the oldest and largest correctional association in the world. Their mission is to provide professional organization to departments that share their goal of improving the justice system.

In order to meet the criteria for this award, the department had to be in compliance with 384 stringent standards evaluated through a series of reviews, evaluations, an extensive

audit and a formal presentation to the ACA panel. The required standards focus on issues ranging from inmate care and safety, discipline, health care, education, fiscal efficiency, program development, officer training, and facility administration. Agencies that are accredited must be re-accredited every three years to maintain their status.

Evangelidis said, "There is no requirement the WCSO complete the rigorous and challenging process of maintaining national accreditation, but it is important for our entire staff to demonstrate to the residents of Worcester County that we are committed to professionalism by adhering to the highest industry standards. It is a tribute to our hardworking staff that we excelled in our ACA re-accreditation, considered by many throughout the country as the highest standard of excellence in corrections."

As the last requirement to complete the re-accreditation process, the sheriff's department presented before the national board in Minneapolis, MN in August.

"The feedback during our pre-

sentation was excellent, they were very impressed with our operating procedures especially in light of the numerous facility challenges that are inherent in operating the oldest county correctional facility in Massachusetts," said Superintendent David Tuttle.

"When I took office, I made a commitment to increase professionalism at the Worcester County Sheriff's Department including adhering to the highest industry standards with successful reaccreditation being imperative to reaching our goals. I am proud to say, our department is now one of the finest in corrections today. We will always continue to strive for excellence" said the Sheriff.

The American Correctional Association has been accrediting public safety agencies since 1978. According to the ACA, benefits of accreditation include: improved staff training, increased safety of staff and offenders, assessment of program strengths and weaknesses, reduced insurance liability costs, and increased staff professionalism and moral.

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Sturbridge seeks committee members

The town of Sturbridge will be seeking to fill vacancies on the DPW Director Search Committee in accordance with the Sturbridge Town Charter Section 6.5.

Specifically, the Charter calls for the appointment of a five member DPW Director Search Committee consisting of the town administrator, two voters not currently employed by the town appointed by the town administrator, two members qualified to assist in the search process and appointed by the town administrator. The interim town administrator will accept applicants for the position until Nov. 23.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and/or

resume for consideration by the interim town administrator. The letters should detail the relevant experience and qualifications to serve the town on this important committee. Interested individuals should send all documents via email to: jlacy@town.sturbridge.ma.us

This committee is needed to fill the impending vacancy in the DPW director's position. Current DPW Director Greg Morse announced his retirement effective Dec. 21, 2018, after 23 years with the town of Sturbridge.

Faux News

Remember these:
"Pushing the envelope..."
"At the end of the day..."
"Thinking outside the box..."

There are so any phrases that develop over time to explain something that strikes us as unique but hard to explain. It is interesting these phrases get used so often that we can find them trite. Essentially, we abandon them after much use or simply less-
en our use of them.

Recently, we have all been hearing about faux news, or fake news.

I find this interesting in that fake news is not something new. It is simply a new way of saying GOSSIP. When did we not have gossip? People say things that are not true, make up stories, try to harm another person's reputation, look for the thrill of getting away with lies.

Happens every day.

Always has happened.

So my take on Faux News is that it is just gossip. It is something that is said with authority, by someone in authority. But now we hear it not from a playmate, neighbor, or local bully, we hear it from once reliable sources: both print news and media. This gives it the appearance of legitimacy.

Because historically we found on balance these were professionals, people who checked and rechecked their facts and only passed them on to us when they were absolutely certain of



NOTES OF CONCERN
JACK BLAIR

the validity of the material.

Those days are long gone my friends.

News reporting has taken on a very ugly face. Publishers and reporters no longer try to be balanced, but they use their personal prejudices to select stories and writers that will press forward the company or personal

line.

Now obviously, this is not a blanket indictment of all papers or all reporters. I am sad to observe the number who do promote faux news seems to me to be growing at a fast rate.

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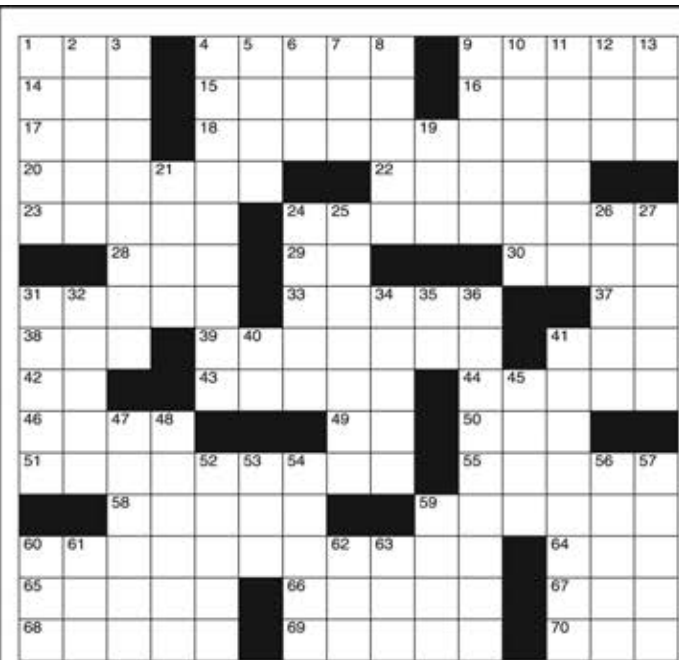
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markets, rely on Murphy for high-quality, handcrafted knives. R. Murphy has become a major player in the shellfish markets and brought awareness to carbon steel knives in the kitchen, among other achievements. New products like the Duxbury Oyster Knife and the Jackson Cannon Bar Knife have been huge successes which have led to features in local, national, and international publications. Dexter recognizes the value in the R. Murphy brand and has every desire to keep that good name, good product and deliver the same great customer service. The resources Dexter has available, will allow it to invest in a future for R. Murphy that is just as strong as its storied past. Dexter is moving the production of R.

Murphy products to Southbridge and looks forward to carrying on the tradition of the Murphy brand and relationship with their customers. For more information about Dexter-Russell Inc. and R. Murphy Knives, visit www.dexter1818.com or www.rmurphyknives.com. Dexter-Russell was established in 1818 and has maintained a tradition of excellence in both workmanship and materials. Located in Southbridge, Dexter employs more than 200 employees to produce over 2,400 different professional cutlery products to meet the demands of various markets. For more information, visit www.dexter1818.com or call (800) 343-6042.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxi

4. Long periods of time

9. Boiled cow or sheep

14. Ottoman military commander

15. Pig

16. Don't go near

17. Benin inhabitants

18. Pop star

20. Removes

22. Your sibling's daughter

23. Trade

24. Dabbled

28. Tax collector

29. Atomic number 73

30. Russian emperor

31. Broad-winged bird of prey

33. Pale brownish yellow

37. A type of bill

38. One or a sum of things

39. Stiff, untanned leather
41. Naturally occurring solid material

42. Promotional material

43. Beer mug

44. Nostrils

46. Very rich

49. Atomic number 10

50. Not even

51. Pulls apart

55. City in western Finland

58. Wing shaped

59. Paddling

60. Player

64. Japanese classical theater

65. S-shaped lines

66. Coined for one occasion

67. Pitching stat

68. "M" actor

69. Some are noble

70. Lair

CLUES DOWN

1. Places to eat

2. Marketplace

3. Unoriginality

4. Administrative officials

5. Female sheep and a loch in Scotland

6. Something to drill for

7. Midway between north and northeast

8. Cassia tree

9. Founder of medical pathology

10. Long-legged wading bird

11. ___ and goers

12. Go quickly

13. Used to cut and shape wood

19. Small island (British)

21. Dry or withered

24. "Last of the Mohicans" actress

25. Manufacturers need one

26. Tidal bore

27. Makes free of moisture
31. Semitic titles

32. Inappropriate

34. Gregory __, US dancer

35. -, denotes past

36. Makes nicer

40. Indicates position

41. Made a priest

45. Sixth month of Jewish calendar

47. One who refrains

48. Type of top

52. Pay increase

53. Curved shape

54. Keeping down

56. Sleep sound

57. Tiny Iranian village

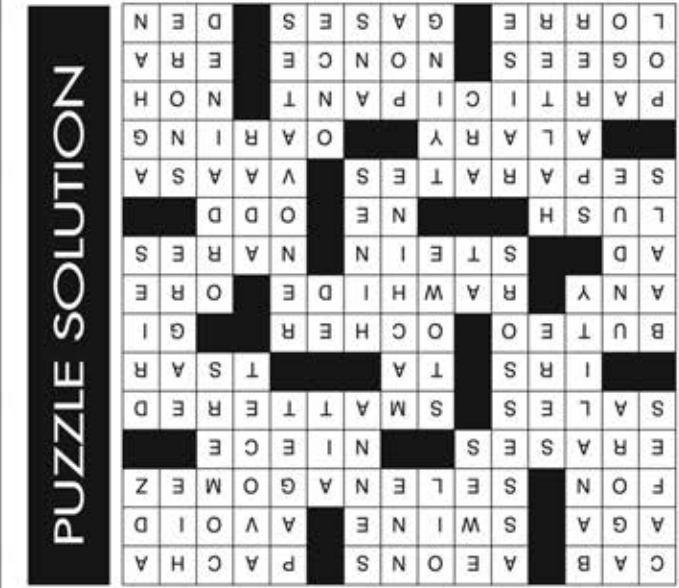
59. Only one time

60. Elected official

61. Before the present

62. Genus of grasses

63. Autonomic nervous system



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Healthy Incentives program extended through winter

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox) were proud to announce the legislature has secured over \$1 million in additional funding for the Healthy Incentives Program, which will extend its operating schedule through the winter months, and will operate until Feb. 28, 2019 before resuming again in the spring. The program was previously slated to end on Nov. 21st when the peak growing season is presumably over, but this extension will allow recipients to take advantage of the winter crops many farmers plant such as lettuce, broccoli, kale, and root vegetables.

“This extension is great news and I was glad to work with the administration on this important program that continues to provide locally grown produce to many people,” remarked Senator Gobi, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. “A special thanks to the farmers for their commitment to the program and who planted winter crops to provide food to those in need.”

“The Healthy Incentives Program serves as a critical program implemented in so many communities throughout the Commonwealth, and I am thrilled we were able to extend funding for the upcoming winter months,” said Representative Pignatelli, House Chair of the Joint Committee. “Thank you to all of the hard working local farmers who have advocated for this program to continue.”

Launched in April 2017, the HIP provides a matching incentive for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients’ purchases of locally-grown fruits and vegetables directly from farmers at participating farmers’ markets, farm stands, mobile markets, and community supported agricultural programs (CSAs). The SNAP recipient swipes their EBT card to make a purchase, and the value of that purchase is immediately added back to the monthly allowance on their card with a monthly limit of \$40 for families of 1-2, \$60 for families of 3-5, and \$80 families of six or more.

“We appreciate the additional support for HIP and Senator Gobi’s leadership in securing this funding,” commented Winton Pitcoff, director of the Massachusetts Food System Collaborative in charge of implementing the program. “This additional \$1 million in food for families in need and in sales for Massachusetts farmers acknowledges how effective and efficient this program is.”

In the first ten months of operation, SNAP recipients purchased more than \$3.3 million of local produce using HIP incentives, with each dollar spent through the program resulting in an additional \$1.12 in local economic impact as farmers are able to contribute their profits back to the local economy. More than 32,000 families have used HIP in this fiscal year, with 46% of those households including a recipient over the age of 60 and 35% including a SNAP recipient with a disability. Since July 1st more than \$2.9 million in incentives have been earned, a 25% increase over the same time period last year.

For more information about the program, please contact Senator Gobi’s office at (617) 722-1540.

Becker College establishes new school

Becker College announced the establishment of its fifth school: the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. The new school replaces the current Division of Accelerated and Professional Studies effective immediately, and centralizes the administration of the college’s graduate programs.

The School of Graduate and Professional Studies offers degrees and professional certificate programs in many disciplines designed to meet the needs of the adult-learner. With online and evening courses, students will be able to customize their academic experience to develop specialized skills required in today’s workplace.

Additionally, the school will consolidate resources currently supporting Becker’s Master of Arts in mental health counseling and Master of Fine Arts in interactive media, which will maintain close ties with the departments where they are currently based.

“The addition of this fifth school allows us to keep pace with the rapidly changing professional marketplace and helps us respond to the demands of our ever-growing student body,” said Nancy P. Crimmin, Ed.D., president of Becker College. “It also ensures that we maintain a climate of data-informed decision-making regarding graduate and professional academic programs and offerings.”

The new school will be headed, on an interim basis, by Ursula Furi-Perry, J.D., Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. A national search is currently underway for a new dean.

“Today’s global economy and ever-evolving workplace require continuous learning and development,” said Furi-Perry. “We have expanded our course offerings to better serve those individuals who see the world around them changing quickly and want to stay relevant or advance in their careers.”

Among the new programs being offered at the school are: associate’s degree in human services, bachelor’s degrees in criminal justice and homeland security, and certificate in alcohol & drug abuse counseling.

The School of Graduate and Professional Studies is the latest academic unit added at the college. On July 1st, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences was formally launched and earlier this Spring, the Colleen C. Barrett Center for Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship opened, providing students access to cutting-edge technologies, including an augmented reality/virtual reality lab, game and live studios, and an e-sports lab.

Becker’s other schools – the School of Design and Technology, the School of Animal Studies and Natural Sciences, and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences – are renowned for their programs, including nursing, animal studies and game design. The Princeton Review recently ranked Becker the #4 best school in world to study game design.

For more information about the new School of Graduate and Professional Studies, visit: www.becker.edu/academic/gps

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This is worrisome. First, because we cannot trust what we read or see on television. Second because everyone is now a columnist or reporter because of the availability of social media. Finally, truth telling has also suffered in the ranks of the news makers: the government, office holders, corporate titans and so many others.

We are also to blame.

When we have strong personal preferences and beliefs we are quick to accept the faux news that supports what we think. We copy it. We share it. We quote it. This only serves to encourage the liars and gossips to keep up the behavior.

What can we do? As individuals, we have to be more skeptical than ever about what we read and watch. We need to personally take the time to check out the facts. We need to read not only views similar to our own but the views that differ. This helps us balance out our reactions.

In other words, if we cannot hold these writers and commentators to a high standard, then let’s make a commitment to hold ourselves to one.

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Craft fair shows off talents

STURBRIDGE – Tantasqua Regional High School is home to one of the largest indoor craft fairs of the season, and attendance continues to grow each year. The annual holiday fair packs both the cafeteria and the gymnasium with rows of vendors, in addition to the school's hallways.

For guests, it's an exciting opportunity to support the school and area crafters. As opposed to visiting malls or shopping online, they enjoy thinking local and giving back to the community.



The Guerraz family is eager to get a little shopping done.



Gina Ciprari, of Sturbridge, welcomes guests to her table.

Kevin Flanders photos.



Springfield's Curtis Emerson shows off his woodworking creations.



Glenys Hachfeld, left, and Kim Jenkins help out with the Sturbridge Rotary Club.



TRHS students Kathryn Henry, left, and her sister Allison run a booth.



You're never too young to get started in crafting, as shown by Sydney Cizik, age 9, of Wales.



Gayle Espinoza, left, and Julia Carrier run the raffle table.



Noah Huehlz, of Paxton, is one of many vendors in the busy gymnasium.



It may not be winter yet, but a few days have certainly felt like it. Time for an animal-themed scarf created by Martha McCormick.



Zoe Westberg, of Sturbridge, has been crafting for several years.




TRHS teacher and longtime event supporter Mary Duane is hoping to “bee” successful at this year’s fair.

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Friday’s Child

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Hi! Our names are Devondrick and Eliajah and we want to be a police officer and professional soccer player.

Devondrick and Eliajah are friendly brothers who are looking for a family together! Devondrick is an outgoing young man of Cape Verdean descent. He presents as quiet and shy around people he does not know but once he feels comfortable, he is friendly, outgoing, and funny. Devondrick is very athletic and loves to play baseball, football, and basketball. He participates in team sports regularly, and is currently on local baseball and football teams. Devondrick is very competitive and takes pride in his abilities. He does well academically, especially in math. He has many friends at school with whom he enjoys spending time.

Eliajah is of Lebanese and Cape Verdean descent. He is funny, social and enjoys being around other children. He loves to play outside and watch television. Eliajah has played baseball in the past and would also love the opportunity to try soccer. Eliajah’s foster mother says that Eliajah has a big heart, and that he is very helpful around the house and will even ask to help with chores! He does well in class and has friends at school.

Ready for adoption, Devondrick and Eliajah would like to be placed in a home together with a mother and a father, a single mother or a single father. Their social worker is open to exploring families with or without other children in the home.

Who Can Adopt?

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The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

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There’s more to democracy than voting

Right now, with the elections almost upon us, the nation’s attention is understandably drawn to what happens in the voting booth. Yet as crucial as voting may be to making our representative democracy work, what happens outside the voting booth is just as crucial.

So I’d like to take a step back from the politics of the moment, and consider five essentials to living in a democratic country that you’re unlikely to see mentioned in the next few weeks’ news coverage.

The first is transparency. Without it, voters cannot do the work our Constitution entrusts to them. With very few exceptions — mostly related to national security — information generated or gathered by the government should be public.

Why? Because if citizens do not know what’s being done in their name, and so are unable to pass informed judgment on the elected officials and administrations who govern on their behalf, then you cannot have a representative democracy worthy of the name.

Government needs daylight, and citizens have to be able to weigh decisions and assess the decision-makers. It is all too common for public officials to want to hold information to themselves; it makes them feel more important and makes policy-making easier. But be suspicious of those who do so. Surely the burden is on them to persuade us that keeping us in the dark is to our benefit.

The second essential follows naturally from transparency: accountability. It is part of democracy’s bedrock — and is vital to good governance. Officials have to be held accountable for their actions and their decisions, especially if they choose not to adhere to their obligations or to follow the law.

This is not as rigorous as it ought to be. Officials seldom step up and say, “I’m responsible for this.” Within government, there needs to be a clear command and control structure that promotes accountability, with clean lines of authority. Decision-makers have to take responsibility for what they are charged to do. Few things in government frustrated me more than my often unsuccessful efforts to learn who was in charge.

Our system was created to encourage accountability by balancing power — among the three branches, between the House and Senate, between the federal government and the states, between elected officials and voters. The Founders set up a system of elaborate checks and balances to prevent



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abuse and the concentration of power, because they believed that the accumulation of power in any person or institution diminished accountability and could lead to tyranny.
At the same time, however, our system demands cooperation: between branches, parties, political leaders — really, all of us. We’re all in this together, and in the end, government cannot function if we do not work in a cooperative manner.

That’s why people like bipartisanship: it’s a key sign of cooperation. Polarization and extreme partisanship rightly irritate Americans because they exacerbate the differences among us. They make it much harder to govern. Trying to get all hands to work together for the common good is right at the core of representative democracy.

Which means that inclusivity is also key. People don’t want to be shut out or to be voiceless. Being shunted aside by those in power only builds resentment and anger.

The fourth essential is actually a matched set: accuracy, integrity, fairness — these are traditional values that ought never to go out of style, even if sometimes they appear to be in eclipse. If those who operate our system speak untruths, lack basic honesty, and show bias, it will surely fail.

Finally, democracy rests on pragmatism. Strong institutions to carry out policy, highly competent government officials, realistic expectations on what can and cannot be achieved, civility, compromise, and respect for all views — these are the necessary ingredients to make progress in a complex, divided country.

Pragmatism does, however, need to be leavened with a little optimism. Governing effectively requires a mindset that progress is possible, that we can understand the problem, look at proposed solutions, make rational judgments about what should be done, and then get them enacted into law and implemented.

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After losing the 1984 presidential election to Ronald Reagan in a landslide, Walter Mondale met with fellow Democrat George McGovern, who had been steamrolled by Republican Richard Nixon in 1972. Mondale said: “After I lost my race...I went to see George. I said, ‘Tell me how long it takes to get over a defeat of this kind.’ He said, ‘I’ll call you when it happens.’”

For every winner in last Tuesday’s mid-term elections there was, of course, a loser. That means that last Wednesday morning there were an awful lot of people (mostly Republicans – this time) waking up with throbbing election hangovers.

I was heartened when, on Monday of this week, Republican Martha McSally conceded defeat to Democrat Kyrsten Sinema in the hotly-contested race to succeed GOP incumbent Jeff Flake as the next U.S. Senator from Arizona. However, I wasn’t heartened just because Sinema won. I’m confident McSally, a former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, would have served her state with honor. What gave me hope was McSally’s statement conceding defeat.

The day after the election, when it was evident a recount would deter-

mine the winner, President Trump, in his predictably classless manner, tweeted: “Just out – in Arizona, S I G N A T U R E S DON’T MATCH. Electoral corruption – Call for a new Election? We must protect our Democracy!”

Even though the leader of her party chose to throw a tantrum, McSally remained quiet and let the recount take its course. On Monday, when it became evident she would be unable to overcome her vote deficit, McSally called Sinema and congratulated her on being elected Arizona’s first female senator. She lauded her opponent for waging “a hard-fought battle.”

“I wish her success,” McSally then said in a tweet. “I’m grateful to all those who supported me in this journey. I’m inspired by Arizonans’ spirit and our state’s best days are ahead of us.”

McSally might have been forgiven had she chosen to sulk over her loss, but she instead gave us a display of how areal adults reacts to the occasional setback, no matter how painful. Juxtapose her reaction to that of Trump who – even though he actually won the 2016 presidential election...yes, WON the election! – whined and hurled fictitious accusations of fraud because he lost the popular vote by nearly 3-million votes.

Time to think about year-end investment moves



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We’ve still got a couple of months left in 2018, but it’s not too soon to start thinking about some year-end investment

moves that might benefit you. Here are a few possibilities (although not all will apply to your situation):

Add to your IRA. For the 2018 tax year, you can put up to \$5,500 into your traditional or Roth IRA (assuming you are eligible), or \$6,500 if you’re 50 or older. If you haven’t reached this limit, consider adding some money. You have until April 15, 2019, to contribute to your IRA for 2018, but why wait until the last minute?

Increase your 401(k) contributions. You already may be investing in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might be able to bump up your contributions for the rest of the year, if it’s allowed. Of course, you should always put in enough to earn your employer’s matching contribution, if one is offered.

Take your RMDs. If you are 70½ or older, you must start taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Generally, you must take these RMDs by Dec. 31 every year. But if you turned 70½ in 2018, you can wait until April 1, 2019, until you take your first RMD. However, you will then have to take a second RMD (the one for age 71) by Dec. 31, 2019. Taking two RMDs in one year could give you an unexpectedly large taxable income for the year, possibly bumping you into a higher tax bracket and affecting the amount of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes. So, if you are considering delaying your first RMD, consult with your tax advisor.

Make changes in response to life events. In 2018, did you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or addition of a child? Or did you change jobs or retire? Any of these events could lead you to adjust your investment plans, so now may be the time to do so, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Review your investment mix. At least once a year, it’s a good idea to review your investment mix to ensure it’s still suitable for your goals and risk tolerance. Sometimes, even without your taking any action, your portfolio might change in ways you hadn’t expected. For example, suppose you wanted your portfolio to contain 60% stocks and 40% bonds and other investments. After a period of rising prices, though, the value of your stocks may have increased so much that they now occupy 65% of your portfolio – which means you may be taking on more risk than you had originally intended. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio to get back to your original 60% to 40% ratios. (Keep in mind that these figures are just for illustration; everyone’s ideal portfolio mix will depend on their individual situations.)

These aren’t the only year-end moves you may want to consider, but they can help you close out 2018 on a positive note. Plus, they can serve as a reminder that you need to be vigilant as you keep working toward your financial goals.

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Stageloft to present A Christmas Survival Guide

SECOND PRODUCTION INCLUDES COMPAQ BIG BAND CONCERT

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STURBRIDGE — Stageloft Repertory Theatre is getting ready for the holiday season with two performances that are guaranteed to spread some holiday cheer throughout Sturbridge and entertain audience members of all ages.

The theatre, which has been putting on holiday plays and musicals since its opening in 1994, switched owners in 2014 when its founder Ed Cornely passed the business down to its new artistic director Christine Taylor, who is determined to keep bringing in new and unique productions.

“I’m always looking for something that might not have been done,” said Taylor. “Throughout the year, I take suggestions from audience members, our performers, and people I work with and spend a lot of time researching plays and reading scripts.”

For this year’s main holiday production, Taylor decided on A Christmas Survival Guide, a comical musical that is perfect for anyone who is all too familiar with both the stresses and joys that accompany the holiday season. Written by James Hindman and Ray Roderick and directed by Christine Taylor and Leah Marley, A Christmas Survival Guide is a musical revue that humorously revolves around a guidebook that exists to help its readers handle holiday pressures.

“The characters in A Christmas Survival Guide go through seasonal trials and tribulations, initially following the guidebook carefully and ultimately realizing that they might not need it after all,” said Taylor. “It’s fun, upbeat, comical, and family-friendly.”

The show features five actors who have a history of participating in plays at Stageloft, including Meg Norton, Justin Matson, and Amy Matson, who were all featured in The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Libbey Stearns, who appeared in The Hunchback of Notre Dame and The Graduate, and Christopher Crockett-Sears, who performed in The Graduate and Four Weddings and an Elvis. They will be accompanied by a six-piece band, the largest musical group that has ever performed for a play at Stageloft, which will be directed by keyboard player James Joinville.

“There will be some unfamiliar songs, but also traditional songs that people will know, such as “The Man with the Bag and a mashup of O Little Town of Bethlehem, Amazing Grace, and Some Children See Him,” said Taylor. “We have an absolutely wonderful sound system and microphones on all the performers.”

With the humor, charm, heartfelt moments, and holiday music, Taylor believes that Stageloft’s production of A Christmas Survival Guide has something for everyone.

“This play is exactly the kind of performance that Stageloft does really well,” she said.

This holiday season, Stageloft will also be hosting the Compaq Big Band for the very first time. The musical group was originally an employee club at Digital Equipment Corporation, which was absorbed into Compaq in 1998 and later acquired by Hewlett-Packard, but is now an independent band that plays shows regularly and collaborates with other performers.

“It’s really something cool and different,” said Christine Taylor, executive



The cast of A Christmas Survival Guide. Left to right: Meg Norton, Christopher Crockett-Sears, Libbey Stearns, Justin Matson, and Amy Matson

Photo courtesy Christine Taylor.

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He became the first sore winner in the history of U.S. electoral politics!

But even before McSally’s classy performance on Monday, I experienced “the warm fuzzies” last Saturday night when Pete Davidson apologized on “Saturday Night Live” to Republican Congressman-elect and former Navy Seal Dan Crenshaw, whom Davidson had mocked in a skit the week before. The SNL star’s performance drew widespread rebuke from conservatives and liberal alike, as well as from fellow cast members.

On Saturday night Peterson praised the newly-elected congressman, who lost an eye while serving in Afghanistan, as a “true hero.”

Well, Crenshaw not only accepted Davidson’s apology, he appeared on SNL to accept it in person. First, though, in his victory speech on election night, Crenshaw said Americans “are not a people that shatter at the first sign of offense.”

That’s a message he should carry to the White House, given that the head of his party falls apart and becomes unhinged at even the slightest per-

ceived insult. Unlike Trump, Crenshaw handled Davidson’s off-target joke like a man, something we have yet to witness in the adolescent who deigns to be the leader of the free world.

Not only did Crenshaw accept Davidson’s apology, he went on to say: “Tell a veteran, ‘Never forget.’ When you say ‘never forget’ to a veteran, you are implying that, as an American, you are in it with them — not separated by some imaginary barrier between civilians and veterans, but connected together as grateful fellow Americans who will never forget the sacrifices made by veterans past and present. And never forget those we lost on 9/11, heroes like Pete’s Father. So I’ll just say, ‘Pete, never forget’.”

“Never forget,” replied Davidson, whose New York firefighter father died in the September 11 terrorist attacks when Pete was just 7 years old.

Republicans may have lost the U.S. House, seven governorships, and more than 360 state legislative seats last week but, if the party looks to people like McSally, Crenshaw, Charlie Baker and other Republicans of principal, character, and courage to lead it there is hope for the party yet. If, however, the G.O.P. allows itself to remain the party of Trump, we can start now writing its political obituary.

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Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books and host of The Great Courses' How to Grow Anything DVD series. Her website, www.MelindaMyers.com, offers gardening tips and videos.

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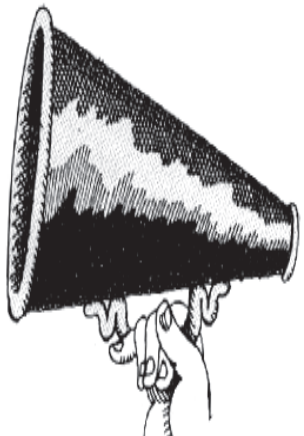
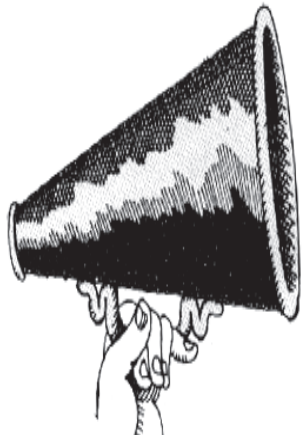
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SPORTS

Shepherd Hill contingent makes strong (and snowy) showing at All-State Meet

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WESTFIELD — With the All-State Cross-Country Meet held at Stanley Park this year on Sunday, Nov. 18, the Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes that qualified made the long trek in hopes of competing at a high level.

The Rams did just that, but they were faced with a tough test in the snow that had blanketed the 3.1-mile (5k) course from a few days prior.

“The whole race was a struggle, you had no traction on the snow whatsoever,” said sophomore Henry Weiland of the Division 1 boys’ meet. “I kept trying to pick people off in the woods and I kept on slipping.”

The same could be said in the Division 1 girls’ race, which was run 80 minutes after the boys’ meet.

“The course — that was bad,” said senior co-captain Rebekah James. “You couldn’t get that much traction, it was mostly slush. You had no control. It was like your ankles are all over the place.”



Brian Belmonte of Shepherd Hill finishes off his cross-country career at the Division 1 All-State Championship Meet.



Shepherd Hill’s Emma Whitehead holds off a Needham runner at the conclusion of the Division 1 All-State Meet.

“It was tough — I won’t lie — it was like running on sand,” added senior co-captain Emma Whitehead, comparing it to running on the beach in much warmer, but similar conditions. “This is the thing that we’ll remember.”

The Shepherd Hill girls’ team qualified for the meet as a team, having won the Central Mass. Division 1 championship a week before. There, James placed second while being “very dehydrated,” she explained, and this time around she was the top Central Mass. finisher and placed sixth overall in 19:29.23.

“It was my last race, I gave it everything I had,” said James, who will run for UMass-Amherst next year.

James added she was proud that the team — which finished eighth at All-States — qualified for this meet for the second straight year.

“It was great for us to get the team back here because we lost two people due to injury,” she explained. “A lot of the girls that came in were first year and they pretty much killed it. I’m proud of my team.”

Whitehead echoed James’ sentiments. “All the work we put into it, that’s what I’m proud of,” said Whitehead. “Running is mentally and physically exhausting, so this is the payoff that we’re waiting for all year. I think the fact that we came here and did as well as we did on the tough conditions really speaks to our team and how hard we work.”

James, sophomore Christina Gunsalus (62nd place, 21:24.04), sophomore Samantha Zannotti (81st, 21:40.61), Whitehead (92nd, 21:54.66) and freshman Anna Thomas (95th, 21:59.47) contributed to the team total.

Whitehead had a memorable Fall season not only for her cross-country running, but also for being named a State Finalist in the Wendy’s High School Heisman National Scholarship Foundation.

“I’m very proud of that,” she said.

In the Division 1 boys’ race, Weiland and Brian Belmonte reached All-States because of their placement in



Samantha Zannotti of Shepherd Hill completes the race at the All-State Championships for Division 1.



Henry Weiland of Shepherd Hill hustles to the finish line in the All-State Meet for Division 1.

Districts. Belmonte finished third in Districts, Weiland eighth, and at All-States Weiland took 84th in 18:01.48 and Belmonte 108th in 18:18.57.

“It was an awesome feeling, awesome experience,” said Weiland, a sophomore, before giving thanks to head coach Len Harmon. “Coach Harmon’s a great coach, I’m glad he led us here.”

Weiland was hoping to reach All-States, even back during his summer



Shepherd Hill’s Christina Gunsalus pushes through to the end of Division 1 All-State meet.



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill’s Rebekah James came in sixth place at the Division 1 All-State Championship Meet.

runs.

“I put in the work the whole summer,” he said. “I was really hoping coming into the season that All-States was a goal for me.”

Weiland was glad that Belmonte, a senior, was there at All-States with him. “Brian’s a great kid, I love having him as a teammate,” said Weiland.

And Weiland will also remember competing in his first All-State meet, especially because of the weather.

“Our coach said that we’re going to look back on the race when we have grandkids and just laugh at it,” he said.

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Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

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The Charlton Dudley Rams sixth grade football team has now claimed back-to-back Super Bowl championships after defeating Northbridge/Uxbridge in the Division 1 title game on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Fitchburg’s Crocker Field, 22-8.

TWICE IS NICE FOR BACK-TO-BACK SUPER BOWL CHAMPION CHARLTON DUDLEY RAMS

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the Charlton Dudley Rams sixth grade football team claimed back-to-back Super Bowl championships, winning in 2017 and now again in 2018. The Rams captured the Central Massachusetts Super Bowl Division 1 title in a game versus Northbridge/Uxbridge at Crocker Field in Fitchburg. The score was 22-8. The coaches for the team are Mike Doktor, Brian Gelineau, Heath McCoy, Dave Sousa, David Trevarthan II and David Trevarthan III.

SPORTS

From Ram to Raven: Shepherd Hill’s Lindstrom signs volleyball NLI to Franklin Pierce



Courtesy photo

Many were on hand to witness Shepherd Hill Regional senior Ingrid Lindstrom sign her National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Franklin Pierce University. Those in attendance included, from left, (top row) Bob Laurens (grandfather), Theresa Laurens (grandmother), Robin Laurens (aunt), Geraldine Gryb (grandmother), Ryan Dugan (brother), Eda Lindstrom (sister), Annaka Lindstrom (sister), (front row) Chris Lindstrom (father), Ingrid Lindstrom and Dawn Lindstrom (mother).

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Referring to Ingrid Lindstrom’s rise to the ranks of top-level high school and club volleyball player as meteoric might be a bit too much journalistic hyperbole, but watching the 6-foot-1, 175-pound Lindstrom take the court for Shepherd Hill Regional the past three years, one thing is clear — crystal clear — the girl can play the game.

Lindstrom took another big step on her volleyball journey last week, signing a National Letter of Intent to Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H., The 17-year-old, who described herself as “a people person” and “outdoorsy” will, in all likelihood, play middle and outside hitter for the Ravens, who compete in the Northeast-10 conference and in Division 2 of the National Collegiate

Athletic Association (NCAA).

Not too bad of a next step for someone who had never played competitive volleyball — participating in gym class doesn’t count — until her sophomore year at Shepherd Hill.

“I was playing basketball at the time and was actually looking to play basketball in college,” said Lindstrom, who competed in basketball and competitive dance for many years before the volleyball love bug bit her. “I actually decided to go out for volleyball sophomore year as a way to stay, or get, in shape for basketball.

“When I looked at the list of available sports, volleyball caught my eye. I said, ‘volleyball seems like it would be a fun sport to play.’ I had no idea it would become my love, my whole life,” Lindstrom continued.

“Playing basketball in college was my plan until [last] year. That’s when I decided I wanted to play volleyball in college because I love it so much.”

By the time the summer before her junior year of high school rolled around, it was all volleyball, all the time for Lindstrom.

“It was definitely a new sport for me but that year, as a sophomore, I just fell in love with volleyball,” she said. I went to a volleyball camp every week that summer. I traveled all over the country going to camps — New York, Philadelphia, Florida. Anywhere I could get in I would go.”

At that time Lindstrom also joined an AAU volleyball program based in Marlborough: the CMASS Volleyball Club. Two weeks ago she tried out for the SMASH U18 team, part of an elite,

Boston-based program. Last week she found out she was one of its selections.

It was during one of the camps she attended following her sophomore year at Shepherd Hill that Lindstrom started to think that maybe, just maybe, she had a future on the volleyball court, not the basketball court.

“I was at an elite volleyball camp at [the University of New Hampshire] and they separated us by age; sophomores and freshmen on one side of the gym, juniors and seniors on the other side of the gym. This was a big recruiting camp,” Lindstrom said. “I was on the younger side [freshmen and sophomores] and then they pulled me over to the older side. That was, in itself, a ‘whoa’ moment for me.

“Then we scrimmaged and I actually got to play

with the college girls. It was me and a girl who had already committed to UNH, and then the rest of the team were girls who were already playing in college,” Lindstrom continued. “I remember thinking to myself, ‘I think this is my thing, and I think I can do this.’”

Her junior year at Shepherd Hill was when volleyball really became Lindstrom’s ‘thing.’

“That was the year I built my confidence with volleyball,” she said. “Sophomore year I was like, ‘OK, I think I can do this,’ but junior year, especially playing here at Shepherd Hill, I really started to become confident, I started scoring a lot of points and I was like, ‘I can do this.’”

Lindstrom selected Franklin Pierce from a list of potential schools that included Boston College, St. Peter’s, Holy Cross Adelphi,

Merrimack and Central Connecticut.

“I wanted a small school and Franklin Pierce is just that; it’s small and outdoorsy. I love to be outdoors hiking and canoeing and kayaking, and Mount Monadnock is right there, too,” Lindstrom said. “There are a lot of really down-to-earth people there, too. People I just would want to be with. And I love the coach [Stephanie Dragan].”

Lindstrom is undecided on what she will major in at Franklin Pierce, but a degree in psychology is a possibility.

“I’m a people person and I love psychology, so I’m leaning toward that,” she said. “I think I would like to be a mental health counselor. I really like just helping people.”

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wave of getting through winter which is when we use more because it’s mostly for heat.”

While commissioners did say they were curious about definitive payment numbers from the past, but Boria was unable to provide those figures during the meeting. He did compare the fluctuating prices to trying to predict the price of gas and noted that the town tends to pay less in the summertime, even before the \$1.50 price, in the summer but in winter the cost tends to go up due to heating needs.

The commission voted unanimously to support the change, choosing to change contracts to Charlton Oil for the next year. There was one abstention from Chairman Paul Gagner who said he deals with both companies and did not want to have a say in the decision to change contracts.

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Tuesday, April 30-Thursday, May 2, 2019: Atlantic City
You will get two nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see two stage shows. Trolleys available. For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

Sunday, May 19, 2019: Newport rail

tour.
Tour ocean drive: board the excursion scenic dining car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella or Atlantic cod. For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

Sunday, June 16, 2019: Gloucester Beaufort Princess cruise.
Board the ship for a New England clam bake including clams, lobster chowder, barbecue chicken and more; finish with chocolate mousse. Cruise the harbor for 2 1/2 hours with music on board. Visit the Salem visitor center and shops. For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

Tuesday, July 23, 2019: Mohegan Sun \$25 10 a.m. bus
For \$25 you get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have five hours at the casino as the bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Thursday, August 22, 2019: Diamonds and Pearls the ultimate tribute show.
For \$95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Lake Pearl in Wrentham where you will hear the music of Neil Diamond, Carol King, Janice Joplin and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod

Tuesday, September 17, 2019: Atlantic City Boys
For \$95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Danvers Yacht Club in Danvers. where you will hear the music of the Beach Boys, The Drifters, the Bee Gees and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod.

October 8-15, 2019: ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA
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Tuesday, November 12, 2019: Foxwoods \$25 10 a.m. bus.
For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino You will have five hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

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Boris Brevnov

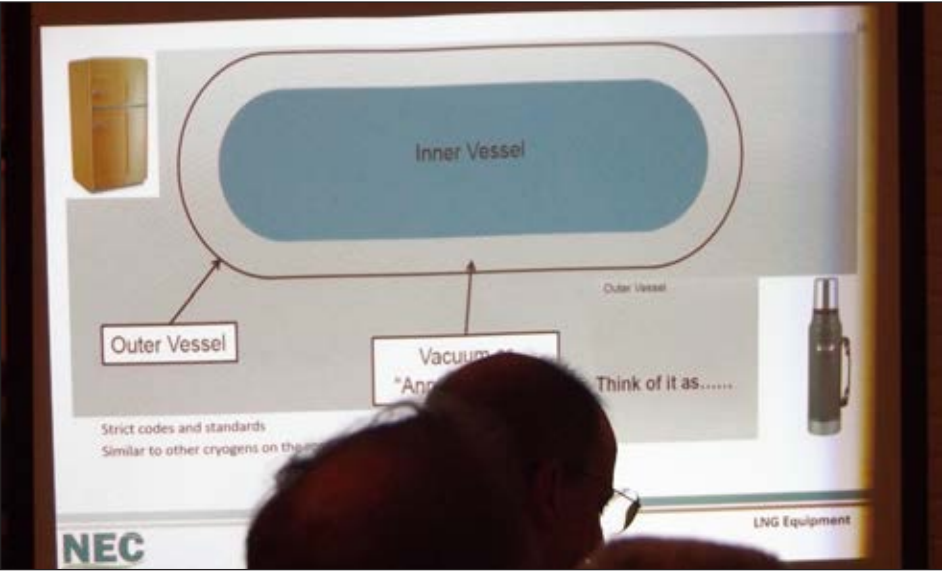
LNG HEARING

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because storage is usually located near areas of demand, but this isn’t. “trucking is not the most cost-effective way to distribute gas,” he said.
“Our obligation is to supply 12-14 trucks [per day]. In a high-case scenario, 25 per day,” Brevnov said, claiming they have to plan for the higher figure to account for various legal restrictions. At another point, he noted those numbers

are “for this particular customer,” which he later noted meant National Grid, although he said he intends to seek other contracts. The National Grid contract is for 15 years, but he noted such facilities are often still running 50 or more years later.
In this case, the site is being planned for 10 large storage tanks of 100,000 gallons each. To fill them, he said they’ll be using a system that’s “no different from any other refrigeration pro-

cess...it’s a slow cooling process” except that it uses super-cold nitrogen (at -200°). Brevnov said it won’t involve any “conversion” akin to that used to make electricity, although some audience members were still concerned about the safety of the cooling and later warming/gasification process.
To Joe Holewa, a key concern is the project’s size. He said 1 million gallons of stored gas could, if somehow detonated, explode with the equivalent of 21 kilotons, “1.5 Hiroshima bombs without the radiation. That’s significant.”
He cited a 1944 incident in which a storage tank in Cleveland leaked and exploded, killing 200 people, adding, “Accidents can, and do, happen,” and if one did, the fire department “would be quickly overwhelmed.”
“Safety? Throw that tax revenue out the window with one serious incident,” he remarked, noting he’s “not pro- or con- about this project” yet, but wants to see key questions get answered. “They don’t want this in urban centers. If it was so safe, they wouldn’t have an issue with it, would they?”
Brevnov noted there is one in urban Boston (Everett) and one near his firm’s office in Philadelphia. He noted the 1944 accident was the last big one in the US caused by LNG and it sparked major safety changes; others have been due to “other natural gas supply issues.”



A diagram of how the LNG containment tanks are designed.

“This rigorous [approval] process does help everybody,” he said. “Nobody wants a repeat of 1944.”
To Etel Haxiaj of Worcester, though, the most crucial issue is climate change, and she said she has a stake because of her two sons, who were also present. She argued it makes no sense to add to fossil fuel consumption when the recent IPCC report “gave us about 12 years to make sure we reduce our methane emission, and this project doesn’t do that.” She noted the LNG process is “energy intensive” and “It’s not clean gas, it’s fracked fossil fuel gas.”
Brevnov later said he assumes it’ll be about half fracked gas from oil production. He said he sees himself as an environmentalist, too, but sees this issue as being one of wasting the gas. If

it’s not used, it’ll just be flared off in the oil fields.
Scientists note that, in practice, flaring it there or burning it for energy elsewhere ends up having the same result: methane burns to create water and carbon dioxide (CO2), both of which are greenhouse gases and end up in the atmosphere. Water drops out as rain fairly quickly, but the CO2 stays up for centuries. According to www.co2.earth, the CO2 level on Nov. 14 was 409.18 ppm, up 5 ppm since the same date last year, based on the Scripps observatory data from Mauna Kea, Hawaii. When that observatory began collecting CO2 data in the late 1950s, the CO2 level was less than 320 ppm.
Many scientists and activists have argued the only way to control it is to stop fossil fuel consumption entirely in the very near future. Some

think we’ve already gone beyond key “tipping points” and are on a track toward the highest IPCC projections, which point toward major warming before the end of this century.
This hearing was an early stage in the state Energy Facilities Siting Board process, for which future meetings and hearings will be held in Boston. It’s a quasi-judicial process overseen by attorney Kathryn Sedor, in which people can petition to be given “intervenor” or “partial participant” status with various rights and duties. The deadline for such applications is Nov 30, and how to do it is included in the project documentation available at all three towns’ libraries and town clerks’ offices.
Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

Saturday November 24

“Pie Night” Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Darrell Sprague and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$9 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430.

Sunday November 25

“Special Fund Raiser” Hayloft Steppers Mainstream/Plus dance on Sunday, Nov. 25 from 2:30-5:00 pm. (early rounds at 2:00) Various callers from OCCA and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net.

Saturday December 1

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Golden Age Club of Charlton holds its Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas items, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, and a white elephant sale. Luncheon includes homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular “Gramma’s Attic” will be offered and will be brimming with donations/ bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and so much more. We will be introducing “chapel” sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to...”HELP US TO HELP OTHERS.”

LIBRARY FAIR: The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 1 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR: The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of “Angels” from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find items for everyone. Grandma’s Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9-11 a.m. followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The

church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

CRAFT FAIR: Need unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards, Christmas ornaments, and other surprises. Come! Enjoy hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

Tuesday December 4

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Saturday December 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5” x 7” photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

CRAFT FAIR: Holland Community Center is having their first annual Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. They are located at 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. In addition to homemade items and crafts, we will have vendors representing Thirty One bags, LuLaRoe clothing, and Paparazzi Jewelry. There will also be a ticket raffle. If you are interested in having a booth (\$25), please call Deb at the Center at 413-245-3163 or email hccevenings@gmail.com.

Monday December 24

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS: First Congregational Church of Brimfield has announced its Christmas Eve schedule

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Services: 7:00PM - Family Worship. All are invited to join us in this joyous service as we sing and pray to honor the birth of our Lord and Savior. 11:00PM - Candlelight Service: A

more ‘traditional’ Christmas Eve Service. Please join us in this quiet and reflective service which leads us into Christmas Day.

ONGOING

BUSINESS NETWORKING: Join us for a FREE Business Networking Meeting! Thursdays - 7am at Old Sturbridge Village Oliver Wight Tavern - Grecian Room, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd, Sturbridge, For more info call Tia @ 774-200-6740

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: Please come join us for a fun evening of exercise and basketball at the Heritage School gym in Charlton. We play pickup basketball from 7-9 PM every Monday evening from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

St. Joseph’s Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29-Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer’s Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group

loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish’s Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church.

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages are welcome. The meetings include raffle, auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

VIGIL

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lier this year, welcomed the memorial with open arms.

The Sturbridge statue was formally dedicated in September 2007 as part of a larger movement that has spread rapidly across the United States. After Evans’ book was published and gained notoriety, people all across the country started asked to have angel statues commissioned for their cities and towns. There are now least 74 Angel of Hope statues now standing nationwide, with many creating their own annual vigil traditions like the one in Sturbridge.

“We start the candlelight vigil in the outdoor pavilion at St. Anne Shrine, where we present a flower to each bereaved parent to be placed at the base of the angel,” said Gaumond. “With our candles and flowers, we walk to the memorial garden where the angel is located. Everyone will say their child’s name as they place the flower if they feel comfortable doing so.”

Saint Anne Shrine has every intention of continuing this annual Angel of Hope candlelight vigil to celebrate the lives of children who are so incredibly missed by their parents and loved ones. It is a welcoming and inclusive dedication

ceremony that is open to the public, and everyone who is grieving a loss or would like to show their support for those who are is encouraged to attend.

Anyone who would like to attend the regular holiday services at Saint Anne Shrine is also encouraged to do so, regardless of beliefs or religious background. Christmas Eve Masses will take place at 4 pm, 6 pm, and midnight in the parish center. There is also a 4 pm Mass in the church. New Year’s Eve mass will be at 7 pm in the parish center. Christmas Day and New Year’s Day Masses will be at 8 am and 10 am in the parish center.

Those who are interested in purchasing an engraved Remembrance Brick to remember a lost child should contact Linda Bilodeau at (508) 612-8432 or Sylvia Gaumond at (508) 764-6170. Lettered bricks cost \$100, bricks with one symbol cost \$125, and bricks with two symbols cost \$150. For more information, go to http://theangelofhope.weebly.com.

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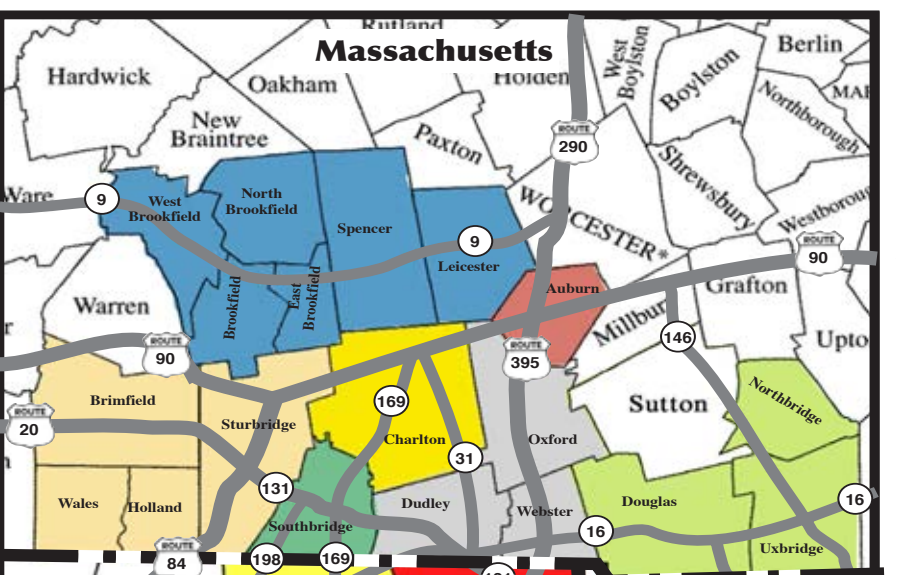
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its kind in MTD’s niche industry.

Haney, who brings deep knowledge of polymer behavior, will primarily focus on developing new prototype equipment and investigating the unique polymer phenomena often found in processing bioabsorbable and high-performance engineering thermoplastics.

Since its founding in 1972, MTD has sought to gain a competitive advantage by employing the latest technology. This investment in the most advanced manufacturing equipment and technology has allowed successful delivery of complex custom products that often nobody else can produce. This year, MTD invested in several pieces of equipment to stay ahead of emerging MedTech trends.

The new gas chroma-

tography system is a piece of analytical equipment that can measure residual monomer and assist with material characterization, which further supports R&D projects by looking at materials on a molecular level. When used in conjunction with DCS equipment for material characterization, MTD can build robust profiles for materials to analyze behavior — crucial for manufacturing intricate components with critical medical functionality. This provides an in-house suite of equipment for material characterization/science: molecular make-up (GC testing), thermal behavior (DSC testing), and viscosity and rheology behavior (IV testing).

MTD is also the first company in North America to own a Mitsubishi MX600 oil wire EDM machine, which lets machining operators use ultra-small wire in the range of

.0008”–.001”.

“The machine has doubled our wire EDM capacity and has made getting down to the smallest wire diameters much easier,” says operations manager John Clark. “Although our lead time to build new tools is driven by the complexity of it and its components, on average, we were anywhere from six to eight weeks in production. Now, we can get components out to our customers in two to three weeks.”

MTD has also acquired a Mitsubishi 6-axis robot, which adds greater functionality for sophisticated in-line inspection and complex packaging schemes in a small footprint. Two new Sodick molding machines increases production volume and speed.

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Seamus Quinlivan, machine operator, working with the Mitsubishi MX600 oil wire EDM machine at MTD Micro Molding.

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TRIP TO USA NATIONAL PARKS St Andrew Bobola Parish, is organizing a special TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS 11 DAYS, May 12-23 2019. Total cost: \$2,000

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN St. Andrew Bobola Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan March 17-28, 2019. All inclusive cost with breakfast, dinners is \$3,190.

Please contact: 508-943-5633. Registration forms are available on the website: www.standrewbobola.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2018. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

2018

2018 is the Society’s 26th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

November 17: Do as you wish day in New York City. A day of sightseeing,

shopping, visit a museum, dine in a special restaurant, attend a Broadway matinee, or visit the 911 Fountains and the new museum via a ticket through 911museum.org. The possible activities are many. Departure from Southbridge is 6:30 a.m., return departure from NYC is 6:30 p.m. \$58 per person. For early reservation call (508) 764-7909. Deadline is Oct. 25. This is the 23rd consecutive year of this excursion.

December 8: Festival of Christmas Lights at Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine, concert with Fr. Pat the singing priest, the International Museum of Nativities, gift and book shop, Chapel of Light, a bistro for refreshments and snacks, a carousel for the children, optional trolley ride to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wrights Farm restaurant. Cost is \$49 per person, \$39 for children aged three to 10, younger than three, free. Reservation deadline is Dec. 6. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and return is about 7:45 p.m. As in the past, a departure from Webster is a possibility.

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The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2018
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The Silver Club of the Uxbridge

Senior Center has availability on the following trips:

The Newport Mansions at Christmas: Wednesday, Nov. 28. \$86. We will tour Marble House and the Breakers all dressed up for Christmas! If you think the mansions are magnificent by themselves, wait until you see them at Christmas! Lunch will be a choice of grilled hangar steak, lobster roll, or penne alla vodka at the restaurant At the Deck right at the wharf area. Leaves Whitinsville at 7:30, home around 5:30.

Bright Lights at Forest Park, Storowton Village & Yankee Candle: Wednesday, Dec. 5 \$76. Lunch will be at the Storowton Tavern with a choice of baked scrod, Yankee pot roast, or vegetable compose. Take a tour of the decorated buildings of Storowton Village during the day and a tour of the Christmas Lights at Forest Park at night. Sandwich a trip to Yankee Candle into the middle! Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45 and home around 8:30 p.m.

North Conway: 3 day trip Dec. 12-14. \$469. Stay at the luxurious White Mountain Hotel and Resort and eat all your meals in their dining room overlooking the mountains. Order off the menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. See three Christmas shows and take a guided tour of the northern valley as well as having some free time in North Conway to do some tax free Christmas shopping. Enjoy their heated (like bath-water!) outdoor pool!

The Uxbridge Senior Center and its Silver Club travelling group is offering the following trips for 2019:

March 21, 2019 “THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA” at PPAC-- Lunch at Mossimo’s on Federal Hill. Please

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April 9 JFK Library and museum w/wine tasting & Venezia Restaurant for lunch. \$81. Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parmesan, steak tips, chicken piccata, or pasta primavera
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DUDLEY – 73 Tracy Rd! Majestically Perched on a Knoll, 1.47 Acres Beautifully Landscaped, Spacious 2,252' 8 Rm Colonial! Stainless Appliances Eat-in Country Kit w/Center Isl, Pantry Closet, Recessed Lighting, Tile Flr & French Dr to Deck! Formal Din Rm w/frdwd Flr & Classic 3 Windowed Bumped-out Wall Entry Foyer! Formal Living Rm w/frdwd Flr! The Fireplaced Family Rm w/Wide Plank Hrwd Flr will keep the Family Close! Side Entry Hall! Dble Closet, Half Bath w/Laundry Closet! Upstairs 4 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 w/Hrwd's, 2 w/Wall to Wall all w/Plenty of Closet Space! 18 Master Bdrm w/Hrwd's, Ceiling Fan, Walk-in Closet, Master Bath w/Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! Off the Hrwd Hall the 2nd Full Bath! Dble Sinks, Granite Vanity, Tile Flr & Linen Closet! Breezeway Attached 2 Car Garage! Quick Closing Possible, Start Packing! **\$369,900.00**



NEW PRICE

THOMPSON – 854 Thompson Rd! Appealing 9 Room Split! Beautiful, 63 Acre Lot! Applianced Granite Kitchen! Dining & Fireplaced Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Tile Floor! 3 or 4 Bedrooms, 3 w/Hardwoods! Fireplaced Family Rm! Updated Full Bath! 1.5 Baths Total! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! Convenient to 395 in both Directions, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway! **\$259,900.00**



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER – 26 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER – 23 Lincoln St! 3 Family w/ Great Curb Appeal! Owner Occupied or Investor! 5 1/2 Rooms! 2 1/2 Bedrooms! Hardwood Floors in Most Rooms! First Floor Apart Freshly Painted! Replacement Windows! Off Street Parking! 2 Car Garage! Easy Highway Access! Conveniently Located! **\$239,900.00**



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THOMPSON – Quaddick Lake! 152 Breaults Landing! Western Exposure – Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot! Lawn to the Water – 38 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 4 1/2 Room Ranch! 2 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Applianced & Furnished! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HW! Generator! **\$229,900.00**



NEW LISTING

THOMPSON – 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3 1/2 Rooms! 1 1/4 Bedrooms! 1 1/2 Baths! Major Rehab 2005 – Roof, Gutter & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! **\$139,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER – 5 Chestnut St! 6 Rm Ranch, 3 Bdrms, Remodeled Bath, Finished Lower Level! Corner Lot! Frp! Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Hrwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! Din Rm w/Hrwd's! Remodeled Kit w/Cherry Cabinets & SS Appliances! Solar Hot Water! 1 Yr Old Roof! A/C! Pool! Shed! **\$269,900.00**



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AUBURN – 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-in Isl Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! Sun Rm Cathedral to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Frp! Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/O'r & Vael! Professionally Landscaped, 46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER – 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Carpet over Hrwd's! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Master w/Walk-in Closet! Full Tile Bath! 14'x40' Fam/Game Rm! 2nd Bathrm w/Laundry! Workshop! Utility Rm! 2 Z Oil Heat! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Porch! Don't Miss Out! **\$219,900.00**



SOLD

DUDLEY – 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Carpeted Bdrms & Full Hall Bath! Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frpl! Patios! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**



SOLD

DUDLEY – 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath! Cape! 1 Acre! Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrwd's Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Is! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



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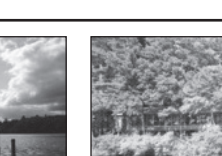
SUTTON – 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room, 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 2 1/2 Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$464,900.00**



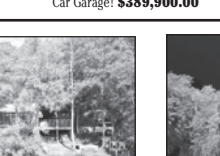
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WEBSTER LAKE – 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frplc, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! A 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$559,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE – 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrwd's & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrwd's! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**



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ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE – 209 Beacon Park! - 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Applianced Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! **\$239,000.00**



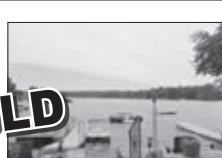
ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE – 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Potential! 4 Bdrms w/Hrwd's, 2 Lake Facing! Frplc Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 5 1/2 of Sandy Beach! **\$475,000.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE – 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Lake New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frplc! Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fans! Dining Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrwd's, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Closet! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrwd's, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrwd's & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6's! 2 Story Detached Garage! Dock! Get Packing! **\$785,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE – 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Lake New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/Tile Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Glistening Hrwd's! Granite Kit w/Is, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrwd's & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Grand Rm w/Lake Views! Hrwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE – 194 Killdeer Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Shore! 6 Rm Cape! Open Liv & Din Rm w/Newly Restored Fireplace! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st Flr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing 3 Bdrms! 2 Updated Bathrooms! Huge Composite Deck w/Vinyl Rail! Walk-out Lower Level to Courtyard! Garage Under! **\$559,000.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE – 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Master w/ Completely Remodeled 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Flr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**



NEW PRICE

WEBSTER LAKE – 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen! Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19'x19' Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huger Corner Shower w/Seat, Double Linen Closet! Full Bath! Halfway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **\$629,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST

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WEBSTER - 100 THOMPSON RD



SORRY, SOLD!

Very Attractive 1700 sq ft stone cape! Attached 13' x 22' Garage. Fireplaced front living room! Large Kitchen with ample amount of cabinets. 1st floor master bedroom. 2 large bedrooms on the 2nd Floor. 1/2 bath on the first floor, full bath on the 2nd floor. Natural Gas baseboard Heat! Vinyl siding! Town water and sewer. Nice level lot, with mature shrubs. Very private rear yard. **\$140,000**

WEBSTER - 104 THOMPSON RD



SORRY, SOLD!

1+ acre of nicely manicured lawn with a well maintained 2 Family! Many improvements! 2 & 3 bedroom apartments! Oil heat! Large 24' x 30' garage! Mini 15' x 30' stone barn **\$325,000**

WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN



New Listing Warm and Inviting, This Lovely Ranch Sits On A Beautifully Landscaped Yard Nestled in A Very Quiet, Wanting Neighborhood. This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Home Has So Much To Offer!! Fully Applianced Eat in Kitchen, Newly Carpeted Living Room and Three Cozy and Comfortable Bedrooms All On One Floor. Walk Down To The Lower Level To The Open And Spacious Family Room With Pellet Stove! **\$259,000**

THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD



ON DEPOSIT

Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. **47 +/- Acres!** Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300' +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd, and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide x over 1600' deep. Needs TLC! **\$300,000**

WEBSTER - 6 BROOKSIDE AVE



Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood throughout on the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool. **New Price \$279,000**

WOODSTOCK, CT- QUASSET LAKE



158 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Tranquil, Quiet, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Patios, covered patios & balconies, stone back 3 car det'd garage w/hot studio, Cape Cod style, wind ing gravel path to 265 +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft hip roof 3 story Colonial! 2 story foyer! Extremely impressive kitchen w/appliance everything! Offers formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundryroom, exercise studio, LL, kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & more! Master BR w/private full bath. **\$1,299,000**

WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST



2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings, New gas furnaces! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services **\$199,900**

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SORRY SOLD
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$250,000**
Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900**

DUDLEY - 7 DELANY AVE



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THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



New Price! Roomy 1300 sq. ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitcheb, Fireplaced living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! **New Price \$265,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD





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- o **17 Rifleman Way**\$472,909.00
- o \$10K OFF Selling Price
- (if Reserved by November 30th, 2018) **\$462,909.00**
- o Full Builder Spec Home – Quick Close – Home for the Holidays!*
- o The Draper - 4 Bed Colonial
- o This home features White Shaker Cabinets throughout, Hardwood Total First floor, 2nd level stairs & upstairs hallway. Carpet in bedrooms. Calacatta Quartz in Kitchen, Granite in both bathrooms, well thought out electrical plan, wonderful wall colors, premium exterior finishes and So Much More!

✓ The Kimball – 3 Bed Farmhouse Ranch

- o **56 Rifleman Way**\$512,705.00
- o \$10K OFF Selling Price
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- o This Home features additional \$6000+ in custom exclusive features not included in selling price
- o Full Builder Spec Home – Quick Close – Home for the Holidays!*
- o This home features New Premium Wood Cabinets in kitchen, with Quartz countertops, Bathrooms have New white shaker cabs. With granite countertops, gorgeous warm tone hardwood throughout all main living area less bathrooms, guest bedrooms, and laundry/ mudroom. Designer selected custom exclusive pendant lights and foyer, Wainscoting and trim work throughout entire main living area with Tray ceiling in great room. This home will not disappoint.

✓ The Juniper – 4 Bed Farmhouse Ranch

- o **11 Brady Court** **\$494,960.00**
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✓ The Juniper– 4 Bed Farmhouse Ranch

- o **30 Brady Court**\$505,500.00
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

13th Annual
ST. JOSEPH PARISH
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
St. Joseph's Parish Center
68 Central St., Auburn, MA
Raffles, jewelry, baked
goods,
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treasures,
collectibles, holiday items,
unique finds

VENDOR FAIR
MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY
PARISH CHURCH HALL
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Several vendors, lots of crafts,
raffle baskets, cash raffle.
Cookies, café with homemade meatball subs,
Hot dogs, chips, beverages.
Santa's Kids Workshop
(for children K-3)
Dime Store Delights, Mary's
Treasure Chest
7 Church St., Spencer, MA

Leicester High School's Art Clubs
16th ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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Free admission
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CRAFT & GIFT FAIR
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
To benefit the Charlton Public Library
Location: Charlton Public Library
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

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7:30 p.m. start up
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A brief history of American football

According to Nielsen, 111.3 million people tuned in to watch the Super Bowl in early 2017. Almost two-thirds of adults in the United States say they currently watch National Football League games.

But American football is no longer relegated to the boundaries of the United States, as it is becoming a global sport. According to the International Federation of American Football, there are 80 countries with organized federations governing the game. Plus, thousands of youth and adult leagues exist all over the world. Even though soccer has long been a global sport, it seems the other kind of “football” is quickly catching up.

The sport known as American football was borne out of the English sports of association football (soccer) and rugby. During the late 19th century, elite Northeastern colleges took up the sport, playing a soccer-type game with rules adopted from the London Football Association. Intercollegiate matches began to spring up at



CAPTION: American football enjoys worldwide popularity and some of the most ardent fans in all of sport.

schools such as Rutgers, Princeton, Harvard, and McGill University. Rugby-type rules became preferential among players and spectators.

Walter Camp, known affectionately as the “Father of American Football,” transformed

the rugby-style game into the one that resembles American football today. Camp brought two key innovations to the game. The opening “scrummage” was eliminated, and a rule was introduced that required a team to give up the ball after fail-

ing to advance down the field a specific yardage. Camp also developed the quarterback position, lines of scrimmage and the scoring scale used in football today.

Early games were controversial because of the high rate of injury.

Even President Theodore Roosevelt stepped in to ask collegiate teams to revise regulations to make the game less brutal. The committee overseeing the rules would later become known as the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Thanks largely in part to the popularity of college football, professional football began to gain traction with the public. The American Professional Football Association was formed in 1920. That league would later become the National Football League. The first televised NFL game occurred in 1939. Eventually, American football’s popularity would explode.

Cheerleaders were introduced to the game in the 1960s. Currently, the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders are the most famous squad. Six teams in the NFL do not have cheerleaders: the Chicago Bears, the Cleveland Browns, the Detroit Lions, the New York Giants, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Green Bay Packers.

Football games typically last around 3 hours. Average attendance for an NFL game is 66,957 spectators.

American football has become a multibillion-dollar industry. What developed on college campuses has grown into a worldwide phenomenon.

Fire up fellow football fans with smoked wings



Virgil’s Smoked Chicken Wings w/Blue Cheese Dip

The Super Bowl is nearly here, and that means scores of football fans are readying themselves for a day spent fraternizing with friends and indulging in all of the great food that has become synonymous with the biggest day in American professional sports.

No football feast is complete without wings, and this year Super Bowl party hosts can satisfy their guests’ needs for this beloved bar snack with the following recipe for “Virgil’s Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip” from Neal Corman’s “Virgil’s Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook” (St. Martin’s Press).

VIRGIL’S SMOKED CHICKEN WINGS WITH BLUE CHEESE DIP

SERVES 4

- BLUE CHEESE DIP**
- 2 cups blue cheese crumbles, divided
 - 1 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup buttermilk
 - 2 teaspoons hot sauce
 - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- Marinade**
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/2 cup hot sauce
 - 4 tablespoons Virgil’s Dry Rub (see below)
 - 4 tablespoons granulated garlic
 - 4 tablespoons granulated onion
 - Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Wings**

- 8 large chicken wings
 - 1/2 cup Virgil’s Dry Rub (see below)
- Sauce**
- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 1 teaspoon cornstarch
 - 4 tablespoons white vinegar
 - 3/4 cup hot sauce
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth.
 2. Remove to a medium mixing bowl and fold in the rest of the blue cheese, scallions and celery, being sure to break up the large blue cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.
 3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.
 4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F.
 5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub, coating the wings all over.
 6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker, or place hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.
 7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal temperature should be about 165 F when cooked).
 8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar in a small bowl.
 9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.
 10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until serving.
 11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

- VIRGIL’S DRY RUB**
MAKES 5 TO 5 1/2 CUPS
- 2 1/2 cups sweet paprika
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup Texas-style chili powder
 - 1/2 cup minced onion
 - 1/2 cup granulated garlic
 - 1/4 cup dried parsley flakes
 - 6 tablespoons kosher salt
- Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk together until completely incorporated. Transfer to a covered bowl with a tight-fitting lid. Store in a cool, dry place.

Host a sports viewing party to remember



Amateur and professional athletics are both big business. According to Forbes, the Southeastern Conference, a collective of universities that includes the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia, generated \$375 million in television money alone in 2015, collecting another \$140 million from football and basketball postseason play. While that’s a hefty chunk of change, and even more impressive when considering the SEC is just one of many conferences in college athletics, it pales considerably in comparison to the National Football League, which Forbes projected would surpass \$13.3 billion in total revenues in 2016.

Such figures highlight the popularity of both amateur and professional sports. Hundreds of millions of people across the globe enjoy sports, and many are fond of gathering with fellow fans to watch their favorite teams play, whether in-person or on television. Viewing parties are a great way to watch the big game with fellow fans, and such gatherings don’t have to require all that much effort on the part of hosts.

- Make it a potluck affair. Potluck affairs make perfect sense for sports viewing parties, so don’t be surprised if guests offer to whip up some homemade gua-

camole or a buffet-style dish for the big party. Encourage this, asking guests to share what they’re bringing with other invitees so there are no duplicate offerings.

- Vary the food and beverage menu. Chicken wings and beer might seem like go-to foods and beverages for the big game, but even sports bars are increasingly recognizing sports fans’ desire for healthy foods. It’s still acceptable to serve staples like wings, nachos, chips, and pretzels, but try to provide some healthy fare like celery and salad as well. Even whole-grain pretzels might be more enticing to guests watching what they eat. In addition, provide alternatives to alcohol, such as water, soda and juice, for guests who are abstaining.
- Upgrade your television. Projection screens are go-to options for many avid sports fans, But projectors and

screens may stretch some sports fans’ budgets. A 4K ultra-HD television can be an affordable option depending on the size of the television, and such devices provide incredibly crisp pictures that can make sports fans feel as though they’re inside the stadium cheering on their favorite players.

- Purchase a sound system. Today’s televisions are sleek and thin. While that saves space and provides more aesthetic appeal than the bulky televisions of yesteryear, thin designs leave little room for sound tech. As a result, it can be hard to hear what’s going on in the game without a sound system. Sound systems are relatively inexpensive; just make sure to purchase one that is compatible with your television.

Sports viewing parties tend to be easygoing affairs that don’t require the level of planning of more formal gatherings.

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The best ways to cheer on favorite sports teams

Autumn weather calls to mind sipping warm cider and raking leaves. But for sports fans, fall is all about sports.

American football, field hockey, ice hockey, and basketball are just a few of the sports that make autumn an exciting time for sports fans.

Even the most ardent fan may have room for improvement when it comes to supporting his or her team. Here are a few ideas to make cheering for a favorite team even more enjoyable.

Attend a game

Fans who never get to see their team play in person may miss out on a unique experience. The

atmosphere and energy of sitting in a stadium or arena cannot compete with a television simulcast. Ardent fans can resolve to attend a game in person this season. Enroll in employee entertainment clubs to receive discounts on sports tickets among other types of entertainment.

Host a game watch

Build camaraderie with fellow fans by hosting a game watch. A routine sports night is a great way to get together with friends and family members. Gather a group at your house each week to watch a favorite team battle it out on the big screen. Or get together

with fellow fans in the community at a sports bar or restaurant, combining a night out on the town with your passion for sports.

Get the kids involved

Spread the love of fandom to a new generation. Schools and youth organizations can encourage children to support local scholastic teams. Organize field trips to sporting events to involve as many students as possible.

Fall sports are heating up, and fans can do their part to support their favorite teams in various ways.



Grab some friends, food and drink, and enjoy time supporting the team.



Shop for sports eye protection

The end of summer is crunch time for families preparing for the new school year. So many items make up back-to-school shopping lists that it can be easy to overlook supplies necessary for extracurricular activities.

Autumn marks the beginning of many scholastic sports seasons, including cross-country, field hockey, football, and rugby. Sports can be exciting and challenging for athletes, but athletes also are at constant risk of injury.

Prevent Blindness America notes that more than 40,000 people seek treatment for sports-related eye injuries each year. While many of those injuries affect children, the good news is that sports-related eye injuries are largely preventable. Sports eye protection is a must, and protective eyewear should be included on back-to-school shopping lists.

In addition to wearing protective eyewear when playing sports, athletes can take the following steps to avoid sports-related eye injuries.

- Wear helmets. Kids who play youth baseball should always wear batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields when batting. When playing hockey, use helmets with face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association.
- Wear safety goggles. Regular glasses or goggles may not offer adequate protection. Wear proper safety goggles that have lensed polycarbonate protectors for racquet sports or basketball. All eye guards or protective eyewear should be labeled ASTM F803-approved, according to Prevent Blindness America. This eyewear is guaranteed to offer the highest levels of protection.
- Recognize non-contact sports also can be dangerous. Even non-contact sports such as badminton can present a chance for injury. Individuals should exercise caution any time they play sports that require the use of balls, racquets or flying objects.
- Speak with coaches and teachers. Open a dialogue with coaches or physical education administrators in an

effort to highlight the importance of protective eyewear and learn about the steps being taken to protect athletes and their eyes. Include youngsters in these discussions so they learn about the need for protective eyewear and the benefits that such eyewear provides in sports where there is a high to moderate risk of eye injury.

- Protect eyes from the sun. Athletes who play outdoor sports should take steps to protect their eyes from the sun. When shopping for goggles, find ones that offer UV protection. In addition, look for tinted lenses that reduce glare.
- Exercise good sportsmanship. Always follow the rules of the sport and be a good team player. Use the equipment in the way it was intended so everyone, including teammates and opponents, is as safe as possible.

Sports-related eye safety is about prevention. Protective eyewear is essential when competing in various sports.



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